

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
ComptrollerFROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director for AdministrationSUBJECT: Transfer of Responsibility [redacted] from
the General Services Administration (GSA) to CIA

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1. Paragraph 4 of this memorandum contains a recommendation
for your approval.

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2. For years now, CIA has been dissatisfied with the operations and maintenance support provided by GSA [redacted]. Efforts to obtain improvements in service have been unsuccessful until February 1981, when the GSA Regional Administrator for the National Capital Region (NCR) agreed in principle to grant us a use permit for the building and turn over total responsibility for its operation to CIA, including the protective function. Such action requires the approval of the Administrator, GSA, which the Regional Administrator believes would be granted upon receipt of a request from CIA. The question before us is, do we make such a request? We have examined the problem on a premise that CIA would contract out those operation, maintenance, and protective functions now performed by GSA and have concluded that a transfer is practicable. The resultant staff study is attached (Attachment A). After further examination, however, we have concluded that CIA is better served by retaining the present arrangement with GSA Federal Protective Service for the physical protection [redacted]. Advised of our desire to retain the GSA guards in [redacted] the Regional Administrator reiterated his preference that we assume all building responsibility, including the protective function. He noted that the deterioration of resource levels that first prompted him to offer us the building has worsened. While the Regional Administrator would not agree to retain just the protective function, he expressed no objection to CIA making such a request to the Administrator.

3. There are significant resource implications associated with a CIA takeover of responsibility [redacted]. Assuming implementation in FY-1982, the analysis in Attachment B indicates a cost increase of \$2.0 to \$2.5 million, depending on whether we retain GSA guards, provide staff guards, or obtain guards on a service contract. The recommended approach, using GSA guards on

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a fully reimbursable basis, increases cost \$2.3 million. Addressing only the custodial and maintenance segments of support, we expect service to improve 20 to 50 percent over levels currently provided by GSA.

4. Despite the increased cost to CIA, I believe it is essential that we assume responsibility for the maintenance of [redacted] to ensure the reliable support necessary for the continued operation of this vital national intelligence center. GSA has not provided the responsiveness CIA is seeking and has stated they cannot do so in the future. I seriously question GSA's ability to continue to support us at present levels, given the continued erosion of their resources. Accordingly, it is recommended that (a) you sign the attached letter (Attachment C) to the Administrator, GSA, requesting that the operations and maintenance responsibilities [redacted] be assigned to CIA under a revocable permit with GSA retaining the protective responsibility on a reimbursable basis, (b) we rely to the maximum extent practicable on contracted services to carry out our new responsibilities, and (c) management and budget responsibility for the [redacted] support operation be given to the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC).

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Attachments:

- A. Staff Study
- B. Analysis of FY-1982 Cost
- C. Letter for your signature

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